As far as the question raised by the hon. Member is concerned, there are various provisions in our law like the Prevention of Curruption Act, and other Acts where we can take action against those Civil Servants against whom complaints of curruption are existing.

*124. [*The Questions* (SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA) *was absent. For answer vide* page 36.]

Indian contribution to United Nations

*125 SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution paid annually by India to United Nations during the last three years; and

(b) the criteria to fix this contribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Indian Contribution to United Nations

(a) Details regarding India's contribution to the UN regular budget during the last three years are as:

Year	Contribution
2004	Rs. 27,98,68,571/- (US $ 61,22,699)
2003	Rs. 22,12,18,692/- (US $ 46,03,927)
2002	Rs. 18,59,79,902/- (US $ 38,64,919)

(b) Contribution from Member States are determined as per a scale of assessment approved by the UN General Assembly on the basis of advice from the Committee on Contributions. The scale is based on the capacity of the Member States to pay, which is determined by considering their relative shares of total gross national product, adjusted to take into account a number of factors, including their per capita incomes. Based on this

scale, currently (2004), India's contribution constitutes 0.421% of the UN regular budget. The scale of assessment is reviewed every three years, on the basis of the latest national income statistics, to ensure that assessments are fair and accurate. These contribution are mandatory on all UN Member States, since they are a part of the Charter obligations.

SHRI MURI DEORA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, India, the largest democracy in the world, is trying for several years for a permanent seat at the United Nations Security Council. Recently, the Secretary-General, Shri Kofi Annan, had constituted a Committee on this. I would like to know from the hon. Minister what the recommendation of this Committee is. I would also like to know whether the Minister is satisfied with the report of this Committee to stake India's claim.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This question relates to the contribution paid annually by India to the United Nations during the last three years.

SHRI MURLI DEORA: Sir, we are contributing towards that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We may be contributing. लेकिन आपका क्वेश्चन इसमें कहां आता है?

*126. [*The questioner* (SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO) *was absent. For answer vide Page* 38.]

*127. [*The questioner* (SHRI PYARI MOHAN MOHAPATRA) *was absent. For answer vide Page* 39.]

Help to Afghanistan

*128. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to help Afghanistan in the task of building their Parliament complex and the repair and renovation of other buildings which were damaged during the internal armed conflict in that country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the fanancial and other assistance proposed to be extended and the time-frame fixed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) The Government is undertaking the repair and renovation of Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH), Habiba School and Common Facility and Tool Room Centre (CFTRC) at Industrial Park in Kabul, Afghanistan. The Government has also offered to underake the construction of a new Parliament building in Afghanistan.